

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A method of sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising:

relating a current database of a player together with a historical database related to that player;

communicating the data between a central database processing resource and at least one remote party;

receiving an access request message from the remote party via a communications link;

transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database, the data in the database including historical data relating to the player with the current data related to that player being accessed;

compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the current data of a player together with the historical data related to that player; and

transmitting the compiled report of the data of the player to the remote party;

the computer providing the remote user with the ability in real time or near real time to submit a decision to a central database, the decision being used to effect the status of said at least one sports player.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, comprising the steps of verifying that the access to the database is authorized.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1, including periodically updating the database with at least one of the historical or current data about the player.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1, including analyzing the data of the player, and providing the report to the remote party based on the analysis of the data of the player.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 1, comprising the step of storing the report in the central database processing resource.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1, including controlling access to the central database processing resource, and wherein data in the database is accessible to selected multiple remote parties.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6, including the step of verifying that selected remote parties are authorized to access the database or selected data in the database.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 1, including combining historical data of players with current data of players thereby to permit an analysis predicting play scenarios and probabilities of selected players.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1, including sending an access request message from the remote parties via a communications link, and the communications link is selectively a computer network, preferably including the Internet.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 1, including receiving data of a subject player, storing, retrieving, comparing, analyzing the data thereby to obtain assessment data.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 1, including encrypting the data.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 1, including the steps of communicating between a remote party and the central database processing resource through a computer network, providing credit card information of the remote user prior to providing the data and transferring such data to the remote user after charging a credit card for such data.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 1, including transferring money electronically via a telecommunications line between respective financial entities related to the remote party and to an operator of the central database, and, after transfer of money electronically,. providing data from the central database to the remote party.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 1, including the step of the remote party transmitting a decision from a remote terminal to the database through a computer network, the decision being at least one relating to the status of a player, financial reward to a player, financial reward

to a team related to the player, or financial reward in relation to a sports competition with regard to a sports team.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the communication to the remote user is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party sends a response to the database, the response being through a computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 15 wherein the remote party receives information about a sports event through television and responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

Claim 17 (original): The. method of claim 1 wherein the remote party receives at least one expert opinion, and wherein the remote transmits a response in relation at least in response to the expert opinion.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein a controller of a central database receives at least one expert opinion on an issue, and wherein the expert opinion is selectively made available to a remote user, such that the remote user can selectively make decisions based on the opinion, and selectively transmit the decision to the central database.

Claim 19 (original): The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein there is a hierarchy of remote users, different levels in the hierarchy having different weight for their respective decision, which decisions can be transmitted to the central database.

Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 19 wherein some of the remote users in the hierarchy are non-shareholders in relationship to ownership of the database for managing a sports entity, others if the hierarchy are shareholders, and others are board members for the entity owning the database.

Claims 21-28 (cancelled)

Claim 29 (currently amended): Apparatus for sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising:

a program to relate historical data of a player together with current assessment data related to that player;

a computer communication network for data communication being between a central database processing resource reactive with the program and at least one remote party;

means for receiving an access request message from a remote party via the communications link;

means for transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database, the data in the database including current data relating to the player and historical data related to the player being accessed;

means for compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the current and historical data; and

the communication network being for transmitting the compiled report of the assessment data of the player to the remote party;

the computer communications network providing the remote party with the ability in real time or near real time to submit a decision to a central database, the decision being used to effect the status of said at least one sports player;

wherein said means for receiving an access request, said means for transmitting an access enabling message, and said means for compiling a report comprise one or more particular machines, said one or more particular machines comprising one or more physical computing devices.

Claim 30 (original): The apparatus of claim 29, comprising means for verifying that the access to the database is authorized.

Claim 31 (original): The apparatus of claim 29, including means for analyzing the current assessment data of a player and the historical data related to the player, and means for providing the report to the remote party based on the analysis the assessment data of the player and the historical data.

Claim 32 (original): The apparatus of claim 29, comprising means for storing the report in the central database processing resource.

Claim 33 (original): The apparatus of claim 29, including means for controlling access to the central database processing resource to selected multiple remote parties.

Claim 34 (original): The apparatus of claim 29, including means for combining data of players, and means to permit an analysis predicting probabilities of play of selected players.

Claim 35 (original): The apparatus of claim 29, including means of communicating between a remote party and the central database processing resource through a computer network, means for providing credit card information of the remote party prior to providing assessment data and/or historical data and transferring such data to the remote party after charging a credit card for such data.

Claim 36 (original): The apparatus of claim 29, including the means for remote party transmitting a decision from a remote terminal to the database through a computer network, the decision being at least one relating to the status of a player, financial reward to a player, financial reward to a team related to the player, or financial reward in relation to a sports competition with regard to a sports team.

Claim 37 (original): The apparatus of claim 29 wherein the communication to the remote user is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user.

Claim 38 (original): The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the remote party receives information about a sports event through television and the remote party responds through the computer

network to the database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

Claim 39 (currently amended): Apparatus for sports management by a remote party comprising:

a screen used by a remote party for monitoring, using a computer, both current data for a player, and historical data about the player, the data being retained on a central database;

the computer being for analyzing the current data and the historical data related to the player based on predetermined characteristics; ~~and~~

a communications network between a central database processing resource and the remote ~~user~~ party for communicating the analysis of the combined data with the remote party; and

the computer providing the remote user with the ability in real time or near real time to submit a decision to a central database, the decision being used to effect the status of said player.

Claim 40 (original): The apparatus of claim 30, including means for receiving in a database of the central database processing resource, data relating to the current assessment of a selected player and receiving in the database of the central database processing resource, and historical data relating to the player, other players, and the current and historical background of related players.

Claim 41 (original): The apparatus of claim 30, including means for permitting a remote party of the database to pay for a communication with the central database through a computer network, and including a computer communication network for submitting data to a remote user after receipt of the payment.

Claim 42 (original): The apparatus of claim 39, including means for the remote party to transmit a decision from a remote terminal to the database through a computer network, the decision being at least one relating to the status of a player, financial reward to a player, financial reward to a team related to the player, or financial reward in relation to a sports competition with regard to a sports team.

Claim 43 (original): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the communication to the remote user is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user.

Claim 44 (original): The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the remote party receives information about a sports event through television and responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

Claim 45 (currently amended): A system for managing sport comprising:

- a computer based communications network,
- a computer at a central database processing resource provider to receive through the network, current data for a player, the current data, and historical data about the player;
- a screen for monitoring, using a computer, both the current data of the player, and the historical data about the player, the screen being used by a remote user;
- a particular machine, said particular machine comprising a physical processor for analyzing the current data and the historical data based on predetermined characteristics;
- a computer for receiving, through the network, the analysis; and
- the remote user being capable in substantially real time or near real time after receiving the analysis to respond to the analysis and submit a decision to a central database, the decision being used to effect the status of said player.

Claim 46 (original): The system of claim 45, including receiving in a database of a central database processing resource, data relating to a selected player and receiving in the database of the central data processing resource, historical data relating to the background about the player, and wherein the remote user selectively receives the data from a sport enterprise, event or player in real time or near real time from a television or video monitor.

Claim 47 (original): The system of claim 45, including permitting a remote party of the network to pay for the analysis of the assessment and data through the computer network, and

including permitting the computer communications network to communicate between the remote user and the central database after receipt of the payment.

Claims 48-56 (cancelled)

Claim 57 (original): The method as claimed in claim 45 wherein there is a hierarchy of remote users, different levels in the hierarchy having different weight for their respective decision, which decisions can be transmitted to the central database.

Claim 58 (original): The method of claim 45 wherein, the remote party receives at least one expert opinion, and wherein the remote transmits a response in relation at least in response to the expert opinion.

Claim 59 (original): The method of claim 45 wherein a controller of a central database receives at least one expert opinion on an issue, and wherein the expert opinion is selectively made available to a remote user, such that the remote user can selectively make decisions based on the opinion, and selectively transmit the decision to the central database.

Claim 60 (currently amended): A method of live event management by a remote party, the live event being transmitted to a remote party by a communications link, the live event being organized by an entity ~~owning~~ having a database for the management, comprising:

- providing a central database processing resource of the event;
- communicating data between the central database processing resource and at least one remote party;
- receiving an access request message from the remote party via a communications link;
- transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database;
- transmitting data of the event to the remote party, and
- wherein the communication to the remote party is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party sends a response to the database, the response effecting the live event,

the response being through a computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user from the communications link;

wherein said steps of communicating data, receiving an access request, transmitting an access enabling message, and transmitting data are performed on one or more particular machines, said one or more particular machines comprising one or more physical computing device.

Claim 61 (original): The method of claim 60 wherein the remote party receives information about a live event on a communication system including television and responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to a manager related to the event.

Claim 62 (currently amended): A method of sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising:

relating a current database of a player together with a historical database related to that player;

communicating the data between a central database processing resource and at least one remote party;

receiving an access request message from the remote party via a communications link;

transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database, the data in the database including historical data relating to the player with the current data related to that player being accessed;

compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the current data of a player together with the historical data related to that player;

transmitting the compiled report of the data of the player to the remote party; and

using a communications network between the central database processing resource and the remote party for locating the remote party in a seat associated with a live sports event such that the remote party ~~visibly~~ views an actual live sports event associated with the database;

wherein said steps of receiving an access request message, transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party, compiling a report from the accessed database, and transmitting the compiled report are performed on at least one particular machine, said at least one particular machine comprising at least one physical computer.

Claim 63 (original): The method of claim 62, including sending an access request message from the remote parties via a communications link, and the communications link is selectively a computer network, preferably including the Internet.

Claim 64 (original): The method of claim 63 wherein the remote party receives information about a sports event through television and responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

Claim 65 (currently amended): Apparatus for sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising:

a program to relate historical data of a player together with current assessment data related to that player;

a computer communication network for data communication being between a central database processing resource reactive with the program and at least one remote party;

means for receiving an access request message from a remote party via the communications link;

means for transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database, the data in the database including current data relating to the player and historical data related to the player being accessed;

means for compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the current and historical data;

the communication network being for transmitting the compiled report of the assessment data of the player to the remote party; and

the remote party being located in a spectator seat to be ~~physically~~ present to view an actual sports event related to the data;

wherein said means for receiving an access request, means for transmitting an access enabling message, and means for compiling a report comprise at least one particular machine, said at least one particular machine comprising at least one physical computer.

Claim 66 (original): Apparatus as claimed in claim 65 wherein the seat is wired for communication through the Internet or other network to the databases.

Claim 67 (original): Apparatus as claimed in claim 65 including means to permit the remote party to communicate directly or indirectly with the sports player.

Claim 68 (currently amended): A method of live event management by a remote party, the live event being transmitted to a remote party by a communications link, the live event being organized by an entity owning having a database for the management comprising:

providing a central database processing resource of the event;

communicating data between the central database processing resource and at least one remote party;

receiving an access request message from the remote party via a communications link;

transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party. via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database;

transmitting data of the event to the remote party;

wherein the communication to the remote party is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party sends a response to the database, the response being through a computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user from the communications link; and

using a communications network between the central database processing resource and the remote party for locating the remote party in a seat associated with a live event such that the remote party visibly views an actual live event associated with the database;

wherein said steps of communicating data, receiving an access request message, transmitting an access enabling message, and transmitting data are performed on at least one particular machine, said at least one particular machine comprising at least one physical computer.

Claim 69 (currently amended): A method of substantially real time participation by a remote party in the conduct of an entertainment event, the entertainment event having a manager, a plurality of participants, and a database containing data relating to the entertainment event and the performers or participants, the method comprising the steps of:

the remote party viewing data for a performer or participant in the entertainment event;

the remote party analyzing the data related to the performer or participant based on one or more characteristics;

transmitting data regarding a decision or event in connection with the entertainment event to the remote party;

the remote party transmitting a decision from a remote terminal via a communications link to the database, the decision being at least one relating to a status of the performer or participant in the entertainment event, a financial reward to the performer or participant, a penalty to the performer or participant, or a choice of one of a plurality of responses to a query from the manager of the entertainment event;

using a particular machine to receive said decision transmitted from said remote terminal and to affect the entertainment event in accordance with the decision, said particular machine comprising at least one physical computing device.

Claim 70 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the remote party transmits the decision to the database via a telephone network, the decision being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the data regarding the decision received by the remote party.

Claim 71 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the remote party transmits the decision to the database via a wireless communications network, the decision being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the data regarding the decision received by the remote party.

Claim 72 (previously presented): The method of claim 71 wherein the remote party transmits the decision to the database via messaging over the wireless network.

Claim 73 (previously presented): The method of claim 71 wherein the remote party transmits the decision to the database via a pager over the wireless communications network.

Claim 74 (previously presented): The method of claim 71 wherein the remote party transmits the decision to the database via an email communication sent via a personal digital assistant over the wireless communications network.

Claim 75 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the remote party transmits the decision to the database via a computer network, the decision being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the data regarding the decision received by the remote party.

Claim 76 (previously presented): The method of claim 75 wherein the remote party transmits the decision to the database via email transmitted via the computer network.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the remote party viewing step is conducted using a television monitor/receiver.

Claim 78 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the remote party viewing step is conducted using a computer.

Claim 79 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the remote party viewing step is conducted using a combination of a television monitor/receiver and a computer.

Claim 80 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the remote party viewing step is conducted using a combination of a computer and a wireless communications device.

Claim 81 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the entertainment event is a television show.

Claim 82 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the entertainment event is a contest or a game.

Claim 83 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the entertainment event is a movie.

Claim 84 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the entertainment event is a concert.

Claim 85 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 wherein the entertainment event is a live theater production.

Claim 86 (previously presented): The method of claim 69 further comprising the step of the remote party transmitting from a remote terminal via a communications link to the database a request for purchase of merchandise relating to the entertainment event.

Claim 87 (previously presented): The method of claim 86 wherein the merchandise relating to the entertainment event is a data recording or an at-home game version of the entertainment event.

Claim 88 (previously presented): The method of claim 48, further comprising the steps of verifying that the remote participant's access to the database is authorized, and permitting the remote participant to participate in a decision relating to the corporate situation by transmitting a response via the communications link to the database.

Claim 89 (previously presented): The method of claim 88 wherein the decision relating to the corporate situation is a selection of a new product to be sold by the corporation.

Claim 90 (previously presented): The method of claim 88 wherein the decision relating to the corporate situation is a selection of an investment to be made by the corporation.

Claim 91 (previously presented): The method of claim 89 wherein the decision relating to the corporate situation is a selection of a new characteristic of a product sold by the corporation.

Claim 92 (previously presented): The method of claim 88 wherein the decision relating to the corporate situation is a selection of advertising media to be used to promote a product sold by the corporation.

Claim 93 (currently amended): A method of substantially real time participation by a remote party in the ~~preparation~~ judging of an artistic work, the artistic work having a creator, a manager and a database containing data relating to the artistic work and the creator, the method comprising the steps of:

the remote party viewing data for the creator via a display on a computing device;

the remote party analyzing data related to the creator based on one or more characteristics;

transmitting data regarding a decision or event in connection with the artistic work to the remote party; and

permitting the remote party to respond via the communications link to the database, the remote party transmitting a decision from a remote terminal via a communications link to the database, the decision being at least one relating to a status of the creator, a financial reward to the creator, a penalty to the creator, or a choice of one of a plurality of responses to a query from the manager.

Claim 94 (cancelled)

Claim 95 (previously presented): The method of claim 93 wherein the artistic work is one of a novel, a short story, a poem, a musical composition, a song, a painting or a sculpture.

Claim 96 (currently amended): A method of substantially real time participation by a remote party in the ~~preparation~~ judging of an artistic work, the artistic work having a creator, a manager and a database containing data relating to the artistic work and the creator, the method comprising the steps of:

the remote party viewing data for the creator via a display on a computing device;

the remote party analyzing data related to the creator based on one or more characteristics;

~~transmitting~~ using a computer to transmit data regarding a decision or event in connection with the artistic work to the remote party;

the remote party transmitting a decision from a remote terminal via a communications link to the database, the decision being at least one relating to a status of the creator, a financial reward to the creator, a penalty to the creator,[,] or a choice of one of a plurality of responses to a query from the manager; and

using the decision transmitted from the remote terminal to affect at least one of: said status of the creator, said financial reward to the creator, said penalty to the creator, or said choice of one of a plurality of responses to a query from the manager.

Claim 97 (previously presented): The method of claim 96, further comprising the steps of verifying that the remote party's access to the database is authorized, and permitting the remote party to respond to the query via the communications link to the database.

Claim 98 (previously presented): The method of claim 96 wherein the artistic work is one of a novel, a short story, a poem, a musical composition, a song, a painting or a sculpture.

Claims 99-114 (cancelled)